

Greta Thunberg and George Monbiot on the climate crisis

In this video, climate activists Greta Thunberg and George Monbiot tell us how we should use nature to tackle the climate crisis.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary

1. carbon
2. a subsidy
3. a drill
4. a fossil fuel
5. an ecosystem
6. extinct
7. to restore
8. to fund

Definition

- a. practice for what you should do in an emergency
- b. a fuel such as coal, oil, or natural gas (formed from the remains of dead plants and animals)
- c. a chemical element found in coal, oil and living things
- d. money paid by a government to keep the price of certain products low
- e. a type of animal or plant not existing any more
- f. to return something or someone to its original state
- g. to pay for
- h. the plants, animals, climate, etc. in an area and how they are linked

Task 1

Write a number (1–8) to put the ideas in the order that they are mentioned in the video.

_____ Natural climate solutions can help to fix the climate crisis.

_____ We need to fund things that help nature, not things that destroy it.

_____ Trees take carbon out of the air and lock it away.

_____ We need to stop burning fossil fuels.

_____ We need to restore our planet by helping ecosystems to regenerate.

_____ More money is spent on fossil fuels than on natural climate solutions.

_____ We need to protect nature.

_____ We are destroying nature faster than ever.

Task 2

Put the words in order to make sentences.

1. down. climate breaking Our is
2. are giving up Children like me to protest. their education
3. climate A tree is a natural an example of solution.
4. than on one thousand times more on global fossil fuel subsidies We spend natural-based solutions.
5. are going 200 species day. extinct every single Up to
6. ice the Arctic Much of gone. is
7. down. forests cut are being Tropical
8. fighting for there are nature. amazing movements All around the world

Discussion

Do you agree with Greta and George that natural climate solutions are needed? What can you do to make a difference?

Answers

Preparation task

1. c
2. d
3. a
4. b
5. h
6. e
7. f
8. g

Task 1

1. We need to stop burning fossil fuels.
2. Trees take carbon out of the air and lock it away.
3. Natural climate solutions can help to fix the climate crisis.
4. More money is spent on fossil fuels than on natural climate solutions.
5. We are destroying nature faster than ever.
6. We need to protect nature.
7. We need to restore our planet by helping ecosystems to regenerate.
8. We need to fund things that help nature, not things that destroy it.

Task 2

1. Our climate is breaking down.
2. Children like me are giving up their education to protest.
3. A tree is an example of a natural climate solution.
4. We spend one thousand times more on global fossil fuel subsidies than on natural-based solutions.
5. Up to 200 species are going extinct every single day.
6. Much of the Arctic ice is gone.
7. Tropical forests are being cut down.
8. All around the world there are amazing movements fighting for nature.